

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 17-19 have been cancelled.

**Regarding Allowed and Restricted Claims**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1-16, 21, and 22. Claims 17-19 were directed to a non-elected group and have been herein canceled. Applicant respectfully requests the application be passed to issue.

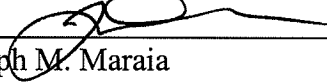
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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